

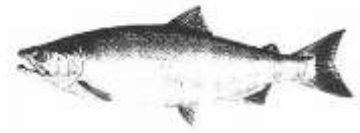
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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### NEWS RELEASE

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #5

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT:** Within the Southern District, waters of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, the Halibut Cove Subdistrict and the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict remain open to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday until further notice. Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict, including both the Port Graham and English Bay sections, will remain closed to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing until further notice as a precautionary measure to protect sockeye salmon returning to English Bay lakes. These areas may open to commercial harvest when spawning escapement levels are tracking to meet the combined inriver goal of 11,028 – 18,528 fish for this system. As of yesterday, a total of 162 fish had passed the English Bay River weir versus a minimum goal of 410 fish for this date. **Preliminary** commercial harvest to date from this district is shown below,

Period			Sockeye			Chinook			Chum		
Pd. #	Dates	Del.	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest
1	6/1 - 6/2	6	158	1,214	429	31	15	5	6	20	15
2	6/4 - 6/6	7	1,278	700	519	100	9	7	18	16	6
3	6/7 - 6/9	7	894	287	615	90	11	7	28	24	33
4	6/11 - 6/13	5	1,491	707	441	72	16	2	51	27	72
Total			3,821	2,908	2,004	293	51	21	103	87	126

Portions of the **Southern District** are anticipated to open to commercial purse seine harvest on Monday, June 25.

**KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT:** The **Chenik Subdistrict** will close to commercial harvest at 12:01 AM, Monday June 18. Other waters of the Kamishak Bay District with the exception of the McNeil and Paint River subdistricts, remain open. The McNeil and Paint River subdistricts are closed as a precautionary measure to protect sockeye salmon returning to Mikfik Lake. The Chenik Subdistrict is closing in anticipation of the sockeye salmon return to Chenik Lake and will reopen to commercial harvest when escapement is within the sustainable escapement goal range for this system.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association began cost recovery on Monday, May 21 in Resurrection Bay. As of yesterday, a total of 70,829 sockeye salmon had been harvested. The cost recovery goal is 136 thousand fish. Actual cost recovery harvest vs. anticipated daily harvest by day is shown below.

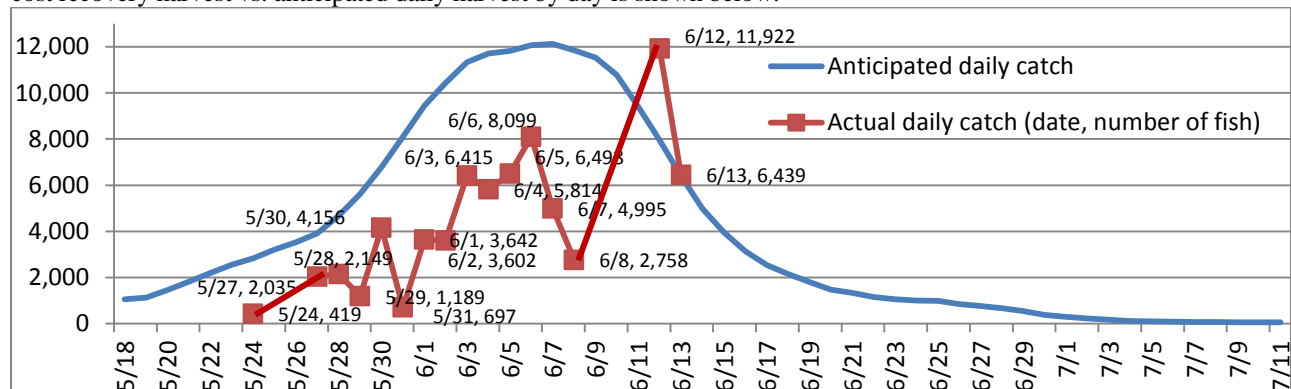


Figure 1.-Anticipated versus actual cost recovery harvest levels in the Resurrection Bay North Subdistrict, as of June 14

**The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, June 22.**

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.